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In re Application of  
William K. LamApplication Number  
09/990,935-Conf. #2886Filed  
November 15, 2001For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AMORTIZING CRITICAL  
PATH COMPUTATIONSArt Unit  
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